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SYNOPSIS

Requires the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to develop and distribute a document containing student loan repayment information for school districts and nonpublic high schools to disseminate to students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 **AN ACT** concerning student loan repayment information and
2 supplementing chapter 71A of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall
9 develop a student loan repayment information document. The
10 document shall include, but need not be limited to: examples of
11 monthly and annual loan payments required for State, federal, and
12 private student loans, whether subsidized or unsubsidized, based on
13 various principal loan amounts and current interest rates;
14 information on the time period it would take to fully repay those
15 loans based on various loan repayment schedules; definitions of
16 fixed rate loans, variable rate loans, and consolidation loans; and
17 information on the consequences and penalties of defaulting on a
18 student loan.

19 The authority shall: post the document on its website; transmit
20 the document via electronic mail to each school district that
21 includes grades 9 through 12 and nonpublic high schools by
22 October 1 of each school year; and update the document as
23 appropriate, but no less frequently than every five years.

24 b. A school district and a nonpublic high school shall annually
25 disseminate the document developed pursuant to subsection a. of
26 this section to each student in the 11th and 12th grades.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
29 applicable to the 2011-2012 school year.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires the Higher Education Student Assistance
35 Authority (HESAA) to develop a student loan repayment
36 information document, post the document on its website, and
37 annually distribute the document to school districts that include
38 grades 9 through 12 and to nonpublic high schools. The document
39 will include examples of monthly and annual loan payments
40 required for various types of student loans, based on differing
41 principal loan amounts and current interest rates, the time period it
42 would take to fully repay those loans based on various monthly or
43 annual payment installments, definitions of fixed rate loans,
44 variable rate loans, and consolidation loans, and the consequences
45 of defaulting on a student loan. The bill requires the school districts
46 and nonpublic high schools to annually disseminate the document to
47 each student in 11th and 12 grades.